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- 1. THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DECIDED IN ITS MARCH 28 SESSION THAT THE AFM ASSEMBLY WILL CONSIST OF 240 MEMBERS: 120 FROM THE ARMY, 60 FROM THE NAVY, AND 60 FROM THE AIR FORCE. ENLISTED MEN AND SERGEANTS, AS WELL AS OFFICERS, ARE TO FORM PART OF THE ASSEMBLY. DRAFTEES SELECTED FOR THE ASSEMBLY WILL KEEP THEIR ASSEMBLY SEATS ONLY WHILE IN THE MILITARY.
- 2. DIARIO DE LISBOA OF MARCH 28 STATED THAT THE NAVY AND AIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORCE HAVE PRACTICALLY FINISHED SELECTING THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

TO THE ASSEMBLY. WITHIN THE AIR FORCE A 12-MAN COORDINATING COMMISSION COMPOSED OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES EACH OF OFFICERS, SERGEANTS, AND OTHER ENLISTED MEN EXISTS TO SELECT AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSEMBLY, ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER.

3. COMMENT: IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR EXACTLY HOW THE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE BEING SELECTED AND WHETHER THERE EXISTS FULL FREEDOM TO CHOOSE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES. ASSEMBLY POWERS LIKEWISE ARE NOT YET DEFINED CLEARLY. THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS STATED THAT IT WILL BE "RESPONSIVE" TO THE ASSEMBLY (REF B) BUT SO FAR IT LOOKS AS IF POWER WILL FLOW PRIMARILY FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, NOT FROM THE ASSEMBLY. CARLUCCI

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